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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating [[the]] <u>a</u> facsimile mail box service subscriber apparatus comprising:

a first step of discriminating the type of whether a received facsimile message as received is an ECM (Error Correction Mode) compressed data or a general facsimile compressed data;

a second step of detecting an error according to the discriminated type and storing the received facsimile message by checking an FCS (Frame Checking Sequence) when the received facsimile data is the ECM data, and by performing an MMR (Modified Modified Read) method if the received facsimile data is the general facsimile data;

storing the ECM data or the general facsimile data as binary data if the error detected is below a first predetermined threshold;

converting the stored binary data to frame data if the stored binary is

discriminated to be ECM data or converting the stored binary data to the general facsimile

compressed data if the stored binary data is discriminated to be the general facsimile

transmitting the converted data to a facsimile terminal

a third step of discriminating a transmittal mode of the facsimile message to be transmitted; and

a fourth step of converting the facsimile data according to the discriminated transmittal mode and transmitting it.

2. (Canceled).

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compressed data; and

- 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[3]] 1, further comprising a step of requesting a PSTN switching center to re-transmit the data, in case that an error is detected when the detected error is equal to or above the first predetermined threshold.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the second sub-step comprising steps of further comprising:

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transmitting received facsimile message to a facsimile image data processor, in case that the received facsimile message is a general facsimile compressed data upon discrimination of the type of the facsimile message;

decoding the received general facsimile message data to a facsimile the image binary data by means of a facsimile image data processor;

checking whether there is an error according to MMR decoding for the facsimile image binary data by means of the facsimile image data processor;

refusing to receive the general facsimile data in case that its when an error rate of the data is larger than a rate set for judging a refusal to receive a data second predetermined threshold that is greater than the first predetermined threshold, and performing a re-transmission request procedure in case that its when the error rate is larger than or equal to a rate set for judging that the data is good and smaller than a rate set for judging a refusal to receive it the first predetermined threshold and less than or equal to the second predetermined threshold, and storing the decoded facsimile image binary data in an image memory in case that its when the error rate is smaller than a rate for judging that the data is good, upon checking the first predetermined threshold; and

reading the facsimile image binary data from the image memory and storing [[it]] the read binary data in the a buffer memory by means of the facsimile image data processor.

- 6. (Canceled).
- 7. (Canceled).
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for operating the <u>a</u> facsimile mail box service subscriber apparatus comprising:

a first step of discriminating whether a received and restored facsimile data is a data in an ECM (Error Correction Mode) data or a general facsimile compressed data;

a second step of reverse-coding the general facsimile compressed data to a binary form in case that a facsimile image binary data when the received and restored facsimile data is a general the general facsimile compressed data, and detecting whether there is an error with [[it]] the general facsimile compressed data;

a third step of restoring an error if the error is detected and storing [[a]] the facsimile image binary data in a good condition in an image memory; and

a fourth step of recording the facsimile image binary data stored in the image memory in [[the]] a buffer memory, and recording the facsimile image binary data of the buffer memory in a storing unit when the recording is completed.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the third step comprising sub-steps of restoring the error comprises:

refusing to receive the <u>received facsimile</u> data in case that its <u>when an</u> error rate of the data is larger than a <del>rate set for judging a refusal to receive a data</del> <u>first</u> <u>predetermined threshold</u>;

performing a re-transmission request procedure in case that its when the error rate is larger than a rate set for judging that the data is good and smaller than a rate set for judging a refusal to receive it is smaller than or equal to the first predetermined threshold and larger than or equal to a second predetermined threshold that is smaller than the first predetermined threshold; and

storing the reverse-coded facsimile image binary data in [[an]] the image memory in case that its when the error rate is smaller than [[a]] the rate for judging that the data is good second predetermined threshold.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

storing [[a]] the received and restored facsimile data in a memory and checking whether there is an error through FCS checking, in case that by checking a Frame Checking

Sequence (FCS) when the received and restored facsimile data is [[a]] the ECM data in ECM; and

storing the <u>ECM</u> facsimile data in <u>ECM</u> in a buffer memory in case that when no error is detected.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

reading [[a]] the facsimile image binary data from the buffer memory and recording [[it]] the data in the image memory, in case that when the buffer memory has the facsimile image binary data;

reading the facsimile image binary data from the image memory and coding [[it]] the data; and

identifying [[the]] <u>a</u> transmittal mode of the coded data, converting [[it]] <u>the</u>

<u>coded data</u> to a corresponding data form according to the transmittal mode, and transmitting

[[it]] <u>the converted data</u>.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising: converting the coded data to a frame data in the ECM in case that when the transmittal mode is [[an]] identified as the ECM; and

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converting the coded data to [[a]] the general facsimile compressed data form in case that when the transmittal mode is not [[an]] identified as the ECM.

13. (Currently Amended) A facsimile mail box service subscriber apparatus having a facsimile controller for processing a facsimile protocol and a facsimile data, a buffer memory for storing data to be received and transmitted from and to an external unit, and a memory for storing the facsimile data, comprising:

an image memory for storing a facsimile image binary data; and
a facsimile image data processor for receiving a coded facsimile data from a
facsimile controller, reverse-coding the facsimile data to a binary data, storing [[it]] the
reverse-coded data in the image memory and transmitting [[it]] the data to a buffer memory,
and reading the facsimile image binary data recorded in the image memory, coding and
storing [[it]] the data in [[a]] the memory.

14. (New) A method for operating a facsimile mail box service subscriber apparatus comprising:

discriminating whether a received facsimile message is an ECM (Error Correction Mode) compressed data or a general facsimile compressed data;

detecting an error by checking an FCS (Frame Checking Sequence) when the received facsimile data is the ECM data, and by performing an MMD (Modified Modified Read) method if the received facsimile data is the general facsimile data;

storing the ECM data or the general facsimile data as binary data if the error detected is below a first predetermined threshold; and

converting the stored binary data to frame data if the stored binary is discriminated to be ECM data or converting the stored binary data to the general facsimile compressed data if the stored binary data is discriminated to be the general facsimile compressed data.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

decoding the general facsimile data to the image binary data by a facsimile image data processor;

refusing to receive the general facsimile data when an error rate of the data is larger than a second predetermined threshold that is greater than the first predetermined threshold, and performing a re-transmission request procedure when the error rate is larger than or equal to the first predetermined threshold and less than or equal to the second predetermined threshold, and storing the decoded image binary data in an image memory when the error rate is smaller than the first predetermined threshold; and

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reading the facsimile image binary data from the image memory and storing the read binary data in a buffer memory by the facsimile image data processor.